

# OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



Wow! We are six weeks into the school year and what a busy, yet productive half term we have had planning all of the exciting events set for October.

## New Parents Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all new parents, and hope your children are settling in well into their new environment. You will have already seen a few things from us in your children's book bags or cubby holes. We are a bunch of mums and dads running some extra, fun events for the children. If you would like to join in, we would love to have you! All help is greatly appreciated. If you are interested, let us know via the school office ([office@polamschool.co.uk](mailto:office@polamschool.co.uk)).

## PPA AGM

The PPA AGM took place on 18<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you to everyone who attended. Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary positions have been filled. A huge thank you to Lisa (Florence R in Y1), Charlie (Olive in YR and Florence in Y1), Kam (Dhillon in Y1) and Ana (Robert in YR) for stepping forward. We are very excited to now have a PPA logo which you have already seen on all our letters so far this year.

## Financial summary

The PPA raised an amazing £3,942.06 in 2018/2019, which was split three ways.

£1,381.25 were donated to Faces Bedford for the Lunchbox Charity.

£1,381.25 were donated to Polam School and Nursery.

£1,179.56 were accrued funds from which some the following items were purchased for the PPA and the school: VR headsets, Playstation 4 and controllers, 3D Printer and Filament, coding caterpillars and headphones for IT suite, Father Christmas inflatable Grotto including an air pump, World Book Day Author Visit at schools request, a donation for the Board Games Club, Pool Inflatables for the PPA Pool Party, toys for the Nursery. Of the ICT donation over £800 are yet to be spent by the school.

## PPA Activity

For this year's charities the school have chosen Keech Cottage Hospice and CLIC Sargent in memory of Blen, a Polam student who sadly lost her battle with cancer last year.

We started off with the **Open Morning** on 1<sup>st</sup> October when Polam School and Nursery opened doors to welcome prospective parents to have a look around the school. The PPA served refreshments and provided some friendly faces to share information about the PPA and also to answer any questions that people might have about school life.

On Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, the PPA kicked-off this year's fundraiser with **Macmillan Coffee Morning and Cake Sale** in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Thanks go to all who baked, bought and ate the delicious cakes. We raised an amazing **£402.72**. Leftover cakes were donated to Lansglade House Care Home.



Thank you to everyone who has designed a **Christmas Card!** The children have also been busy creating a self-portrait (or a handprint for Nursery) for a **tea towel** design. Expect artwork and order forms when we return in November. These make perfect family Christmas presents.

On 15<sup>th</sup> October the children had a great **Movie Afternoon**. We would like to thank everyone who made a kind donation. We raised **£67.52**.

## Dates for your calendar

- 23 Nov - Christmas Fayre
- 28 Nov - Wreath making day
- 10 & 11 Dec - Christmas performances
- 11 Dec - Christmas Little Gifts



If you happen to have a clear out this half term, please save the good stuff to donate for the Christmas Fayre!

The PPA wishes everyone a fun filled half term!